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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS REQUEST FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AT A CONUS MEDICAL FACILITY FOR COLONEL AMI RADIAN, IDF GROUND FORCES, ARMOUR CORPS (AN ISRAELI CITIZEN), WHICH HAS BEEN FORWARDED BY THE GOI TO THE EMBASSY.

2. COORDINATION WITH GOI. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED TWO OFFICIAL LETTERS REQUESTING TREATMENT. FIRST LETTER IS FROM MFA WHICH OUTLINES THE CASE BACKGROUND AND REQUESTS CONUS TREATMENT. ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, COS HELD MEETING WITH DATT, ARMA AND IDF SURGION GENERAL, DIRECTOR OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND CHIEF ON OFFICER BRANCH AT WHICH ONLY SUBJECT DISCUSSED WAS THE REQUESTED TREATMENT. AT THAT MEETING, DATT AND ARMA MADE CLEAR TO COS AND OTHERS THAT TREATMENT AT CONUS FACILITY WAS STRICTLY CONTROLLED ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND REQUESTED ASSURANCE THAT REQUIRED TREATMENT WAS NOT AVAILABLE IN ISRAEL. COS TOLD U.S. REPS THAT HE WOULD NOT MAKE THAT DETERMINATION UNTIL HE HIMSELF WAS ASSURED THAT CONUS FACILITY TREATMENT WAS ONLY RECOURSE AND DIRECTED HIS STAFF TO CONDUCT FULL
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INVESTIGATION OF ENTIRE SITUATION. SECOND LETTER, RECEIVED BY

EMBASSY JULY 10 AND ADDRESSED TO DATT, IS PERSONALLY SIGNED BY IDF COS, AND STATES AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE FOLLOWING OUR JOINT MEETING CONCERNING COL. RADIAN, I CHECKED OUT ALL THE POSSIBILITIES OF COMPLETING HIS MEDICAL TREATMENT IN ISRAEL. UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE ARRIVED AT THE CONCLUSION THAT UTMOST EFFORT SHOULD BE PUT INTO GIVING COL. RADIAN MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE UNITED STATES (PREFERABLY) IN THE SAN ANTONIO WILFORD HALL HOSPITAL. THIS WOULD ONLY BENEFIT COLONEL RADIAN. I THEREFORE REQUEST YOUR SPECIAL KINDLY ASSISTANCE IN SENDING COL. RADIAN TO THE STATES FOR TREATMENT. (SIGNED) MORDECHAI GUR, LT. GEN., CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF, IDF. UNQUOTE. LETTER HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED AND COS INFORMED REQUEST BEING REFERRED TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

3. MEDICAL REPORT. FULL REPORT GIVING HISTORY, DIAGNOSIS, CLINICAL FINDINGS, RESULTS OF TESTS, ETC., ARE BEING FORWARDED TO EMBASSY BY IDF AND WILL BE POUCHED WHEN RECEIVED. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY. COLONEL RADIAN WAS RIDING IN A SCOUT CAR DURING WAR OF ATTRITION (1969) WHEN VEHICLE STRUCK A MINE. HE WAS SEVERELY BURNED ON FACE AND HANDS. A MULTIPLE SERIES OF OPERATIONS FOLLOWED OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. DESPITE THE OPINION OF MANY THAT HE WOULD NEVER RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY, RADIAN, THROUGH PERSONAL DETERMINATION AND STRENGTH, ENDURED THESE OPERATIONS AND THE SEVERE SCARRING AND RETURNED TO DUTY AFTER OVER TWO YEARS OF TREATMENT. HE SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR OF ARMOR DOCTRINE IN EARLY 1970'S. IN OCTOBER '73 WAR, RADIAN WAS CHIEF OF STAFF OF ADAN (MGA. ADAN, IDF DEFENSE ATTACHE, WASHINGTON) DIVISION, THEN COMMANDED ARMOR BRIGADE WITH DISTINCTION. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD HE CONTINUED TO RECEIVE TREATMENT. HIS CONDITION NOW REQUIRES RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY. FOR EXAMPLE, SURGERY IS REQUIRED ON HIS EYELIDS SO THAT HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CLOSE THEM. IDF CONSIDERS THAT BEST FACILITY FOR THIS RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY IS AT USAF WOLFORD HALL MEDICAL FACILITY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND REQUESTS TREATMENT AT THAT FACILITY. COL. RADIAN WILL BE AVAILABLE IN SAN ANTONIO FOR THE LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY EITHER AS AN IN-PATIENT OR OUT-PATIENT STATUS, WILL PURSUE STUDIES IN SAN ANTONIO DURING PERIOD OF TREATMENT, THUS ASSURING AVAILABILITY.

4. AVAILABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND ADEQUACY OF FACILITIES
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IN ISRAEL. SEE COS LETTER ABOVE. ADDITIONALLY, RADIAN HAS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED SOME TEST AND TREATMENT FOR CONDITION IN CONUS AT WALTER REED ARMY GENERAL HOSPITAL.

5. GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WILL ASSUME ALL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION AND HOSPITALIZATION. RADIAN IS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR TREATMENT.

6. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF
REQUEST. ADDITIONALLY, BECAUSE OF SEVERITY OF BURNS AND DETERMINATION
OF RADIAN TO OVERCOME WHAT TO MANY WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY
DISABLING PAIN AND DISFIGUREMENT, BELIEVE RADIAN WOULD BE
EXCELLENT EXAMPLE FOR OTHER BURN CASUALTIES OF WHAT
CAN BE DONE IN SUCH CASES. PLEASE ADVISE.
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